

# 2022 R-1 applicant fees

## **Why are applicants paying for the university/discipline combination now and not the program site, as they have in the past?**

The university/discipline program application fee model was introduced for the 2022 R-1 match after consultation with learner groups, to correct the disparity in the fees paid by applicants to multi-site programs like Family Medicine and those paid by applicants to single-site programs due to the growth of distributed training sites. By linking the program application fee to a program discipline at a university rather than to a distinct program site, we are returning to a more equitable cost distribution. It ensures financial equity for all applicants regardless of their chosen career path, while not placing any limits on their freedom to apply to their choice of training sites.

## **Why do Family Medicine programs have so many application sites compared to other disciplines?**

Family Medicine programs tend to have multiple application sites in recognition of varying patterns of Family Medicine practice in different settings across the country, and to provide flexible training options in areas of need.

## **How much will applicants pay under the new model?**

As a non-profit organization, CaRMS determines our fees with the objective of cost recovery—meaning the fees we charge correspond to the cost of sustainably providing our services. When calculating the new fee model, we needed to ensure cost recovery while also doing our best to keep costs to the average applicant stable. Under the old model, the average applicant paid between 20 and 25 program application fees. The new model will see that same average applicant pay between 10 and 12 program application fees. Accordingly, the fee amount needed to change to meet the necessary objective of cost recovery. The 2022 R-1 match participation fee is \$296.84, including application to four programs (reduced from nine in recognition of the fact that applicants will be required to pay fewer program application fees). The cost per program application over and above the first four is \$55.00.



## **Why has the program application fee increased, compared to last year?**

CaRMS is a non-profit organization and the fees we charge correspond to the cost of sustainably providing our services. Under the old model, the average applicant paid between 20 and 25 program application fees. The new model will see that same average applicant pay between 10 and 12 program application fees. As the new model will result in a decrease in the number of program application fees paid, the fee itself needed to be raised slightly in compensation.

## **Why are fewer programs included in the match participation fee compared to last year?**

Under the old model, the average applicant paid between 20 and 25 program application fees. The new model would see that same average applicant pay between 10 and 12 program application fees. The number of included program applications has been adjusted to reflect this.

## **Are some applicants going to end up paying more under the new fee model?**

Depending on their selected training paths and application patterns, some applicants may end up paying more in program application fees under the new model than they would have under the old model. This redistribution is necessary in order to ensure equity of opportunity for all applicants. When developing the new fee structure, we tried to ensure that the cost to the average applicant remained relatively unchanged.

## **Did CaRMS consider other fee models?**

Yes, other fee models were considered, including a flat fee model and a cap to the number of applications permitted. In consultation with learner groups (CFMS, FMEQ, RDoC, FMRQ), the current model was determined to be the best path forward as it places no limits on applicants' freedom to apply to their choice of training sites.

## **How did CaRMS calculate the new fee structure?**

When calculating the new fee structure, we wanted to ensure revenue neutrality (keeping revenue from program application fees consistent with previous years), cost recovery (ensuring the match pays the costs related to the match), while also ensuring costs to the average applicant did not change significantly.

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